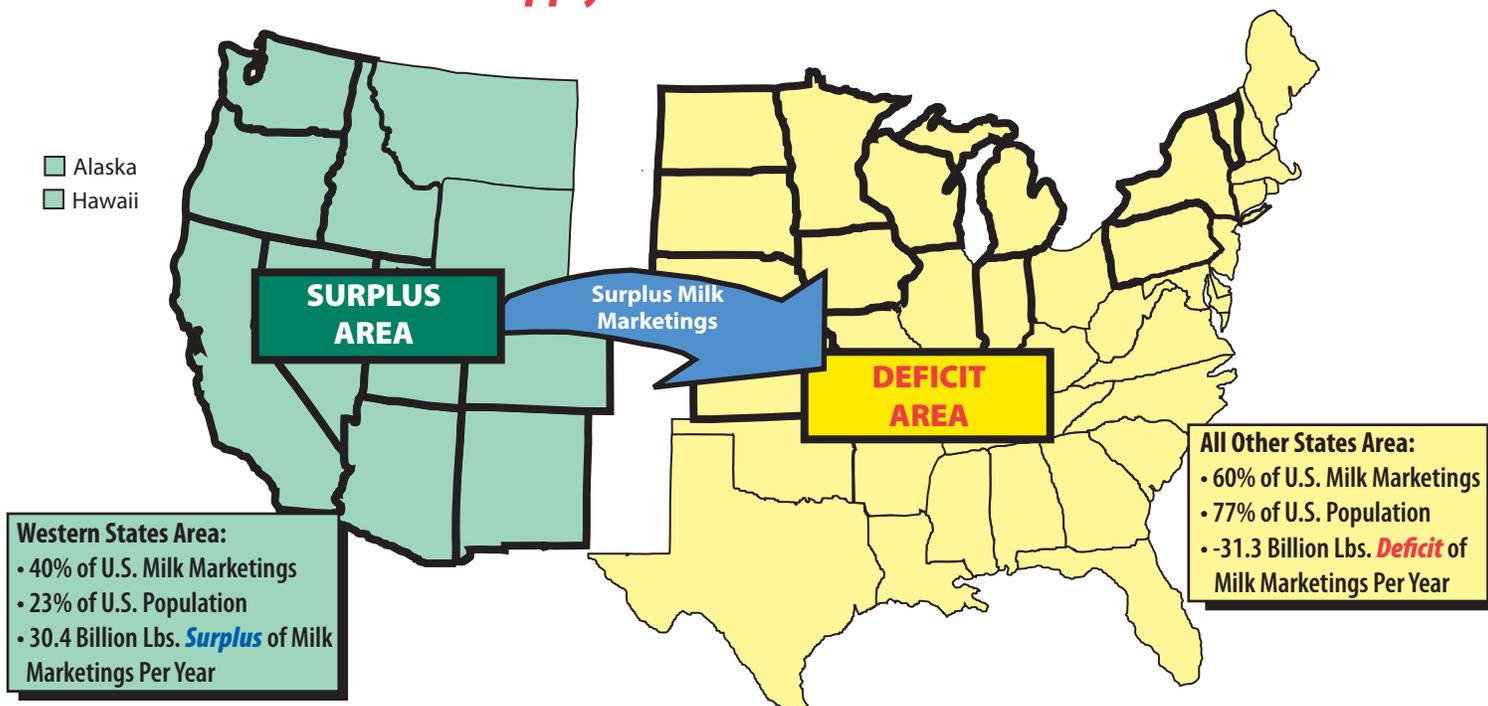




CALIFORNIA Dairy Information BULLETIN

Where Is the Milk? ... Where Is It Needed? The West Continues to Supply "Milk Use" Needs of Deficit Areas Across U.S.



Per capita milk marketings averaged 1,045 pounds per year for the Western States, translating to a yearly surplus of 30.4 billion pounds of surplus milk marketings. Whereas, per capita milk marketings for the "Other States" area (to the east of the Western States) averaged 463 pounds per year, translating to a yearly deficit of -31.3 billion pounds. It appears that milk production in the "other states" area meets the fluid milk needs of that population area but is not adequate to meet all their dairy products needs. This analysis would indicate that there currently is a definite need for the ongoing surplus milk marketings of the Western States. Theoretically, in 2005, the Western States produced enough surplus milk marketings to take care of 97% of the Other States shortfall in milk marketings.

Data Analysis: This analysis assumes that every person in the U.S. needs approximately 300 pounds of milk annually to meet fluid milk needs and an additional 300 pounds of milk annually to meet total dairy product needs. An area's per capita milk production above 600 pounds could be considered surplus, below 600 pounds could be referred to as deficit. States with a heavy black outline indicate that, on an individual basis, they produce surplus per capita milk marketings. The "green" shaded states are the Western States as defined by USDA, the "yellow" shaded states are all other states in the U.S.

Per capita consumption data was derived from: population estimates for 2005 from the U.S. Census Bureau, and milk production by state, for 2005 from USDA NASS.



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